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SUBJECT: INCIDENT INVOLVING CONGRESSMAN BEARD

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B. NICOSIA 2124

1. CONGRESSMAN BEARD DEPARTED CYPRUS 1300Z JULY 6 FOR ATHENS AND RETURN US. BEFORE DEPARTURE HE HAD MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MAKARIOS AND ANOTHER PRESS CONFERENCE. LATTER AGAIN PROMINENTLY PLAYED IN GREEK-CYPRIOT PRESS AND ON RADIO AS WAS SATURDAY'S.

2. AT LARNACA AIRPORT, AFTER MAKARIOS MEETING BUT BEFORE PRESS CONFERENCE, DCM WAS ABLE CONVEY TO BEARD OFFICIAL TURKISH "REGRET" INCIDENT OCCURRED, WILLINGNESS OF TURKS OPEN THEIR AREA TO HIM IF HE STAYING OR PLANNING RETURN, AND STATEMENT TURKISH AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE BEEN PLEASED RECEIVE HIM IF PRIOR NOTIFICATION HAD BEEN GIVEN (NICOSIA 2125).

3. AT PRESS CONFERENCE BEARD REPEATED STATEMENTS MADE SATURDAY (REFTELS), ALTHOUGH IN SOMEWHAT REPEAT SOMEWHAT MORE SUBDUED STYLE. HE STATED THAT EVEN THOUGH TURKS HAD "APOLOTIZED" (NOT REPEAT NOT EXPRESSED "REGRET")

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THROUGH U. S. EMBASSY, HIS FEELINGS REMAINED UNCHANGED.

HE REFERRED TO TURKS AS "BARBARIANS", ILLEGAL AGGRESSORS AND OCCUPIERS OF ISLAND, AND AGAIN STRESSED HIS INTENTION VOTE AGAINST RE-ESTABLISHMENT MILITARY AID TO TURKEY. IN LATTER REGARD HE MENTIONED THAT EVEN THOUGH TURKS WANT MILITARY AID, IT WAS AMERICAN ARMS THEY "TURNED AGAINST ME."

4. MONDAY'S TURK-CYPRIOT PRESS CARRIES STATEMENT MADE BY TFSC SPOKESMAN WHO DESCRIBED INCIDENT AS "PRE-MEDITATED AND PRE-PLANNED", THAT BEARD HAD NOT CONTACTED U. S. EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER AS HE SHOULD HAVE FOR INSTRUCTIONS, THAT TFSC NOT REPEAT NOT AWARE HIS PRESENCE ON ISLAND, THAT HE ACCOMPANIED AT CHECKPOINT BY GREEK-CYPRIOT DRIVER AND AMERICAN OF GREEK-CYPRIOT ORIGIN, AND THAT WHEN INFORMED LATTER TWO COULD NOT REPEAT NOT ENTER ZONEAN BEARD STARTED ARGUMENT WITH POLICEMAN AT CHECKPOINT.

5. IN SUM, INCIDENT, WHETHER "PRE-PLANNED" OR NOT, WAS ALL AND MORE GOC COULD HAVE DESIRED.
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